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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ECLA, MX
SUBJECT: ECLA MEETING HAVANA JUNE 13-18

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING ALONG LINES OF REFTEL WITH FOREIGN SECRETARIAT (SRE) DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION JORGE PALACIOS TREVINO AND STAFF MEMBER CARMEN MORENO DEL CUETO WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN OTHER WOMEN'S CONFERENCES.

2. PALACIOS STATED THAT SRE HAD NOT YET HELD ITS FINAL DISCUSSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE, AND THUS HE COULD NOT AS YET PROVIDE THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION OR ANY SPECIFICS ON THE MEXICAN POSITION GOING INTO THE CONFERENCE. HE NOTED OUR ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSAL THAT OAS/IACW DELEGATES ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE ECLA CONFERENCE, ADDING THAT THE MEXICAN DELEGATIONS TO ALL WOMEN'S AFFAIRS MEETINGS USUALLY INCLUDE THE SAME
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PEOPLE. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THAT MEXICO'S CHIEF OAS/IAWC DELEGATE, UNDERSECRETARY OF EDUCATION WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE HAVANA MEETING.

3. ON OUR MAIN CONCERNS ABOUT THE CONFERENCE, PALACIOS STATED THAT MEXICO IS SIMILARLY CONCERNED THAT ECLA AND OAS/IAWC STRUCTURES ARE NOT WASTEFULLY DUPLICATED AND THAT PRECIOUS TIME AT THE CONFERENCE NOT BE SPENT IN

"CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL DEBATES." HOWEVER, ON THE FIRST POINT, PALACIOS QUICKLY INDICATED THAT THE PROBLEM OF CUBA NOT BEING INVOLVED IN OAS/IAWC MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. MORENO ALSO STATED THAT THE ORIGINAL MANDATE FOR A REGIONAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM WAS WITH ECLA AND THAT THE OAS/IAWC IN ESSENCE MOVED INTO TO ECLA'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. ON THE SECOND POINT, PALACIOS STATED PREDICTABLY THAT THE NIEO AND CERDS ARE NOT "EXTRANEIOUS" BUT VERY RELEVANT TO ANY QUESTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT. HE CONCEDED THAT THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE IS LESS RELEVANT BUT THAT PANAMA INSISTS ON BRINGING IT UP AT ANY MEETING. (INFERENCE WAS THAT THUS MEXICO WOULD BE FORCED TO SUPPORT PANAMA'S POSITION).

4. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE MEXICO PLANS TO INTRODUCE ANY CONTENTIOUS ISSUES INTO THE HAVANA CONFERENCE, AND THAT THE DELEGATION WILL BE DISPOSED TO CONSULT AND PERHAPS COLLABORATE WITH THE US ON OUR TWO AREAS OF MAJOR CONCERN. HOWEVER, MEXICO WILL MOST LIKELY NOT SUPPORT ANY SOLUTION TO THE ECLA-OAS OVERLAP WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE CUBA AND WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY MOVE TO EXCLUDE REFERENCES TO NIEO AND CERDS FROM THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

5. AS SOON AS AVAILABLE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FURTHER INFO ON MEXICAN DELEGATION AND POSITION. THOMPSON

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